

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. I am the Town Clerk for a small town in Virginia, and do not object to higher bills for businesses and local or state governments. Private residences with high volume long-distance expect to pay higher bills; it is an unspoken component of communicating long-distance. My family & I make very few long-distance calls from the home phone, and my pre-paid cellular is used for travel emergencies and urgent messages while I'm traveling. I urge the rejection of higher costs being passed on to those of us who do not use the service heavily, or even regularly. As politicians, you possess an awesome responsibility to the people that you were elected to represent; please don't let them down. All government entities, and representatives individually, are expected to make decisions that are best for everyone. Taxing those who possess a land-line and/or cellular phone simply based on the merit of ownership is WRONG. An increase on the tax levied on high-volume users is a more just alternative. Please vote against this measure to tax all users with a higher rate. If your child or spouse has a cell phone used only for emergencies, how can it be fair to tax it at the same rate as those phones used to negotiate business deals, even multi-million dollar deals? IT'S JUST NOT FAIR OR EQUAL!

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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